REMARKS

The Office Action indicates that Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. In this regard, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits to proceed in regard to claims 46-48, without traverse, until such time that a generic claim is deemed allowable.

In addition, Applicants have added new claims 59-62 to further define the invention.

These new claims read of the same species as claims 46-48. Applicants believe claims 59-62 do not add any new matter.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been accommodated and that the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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